

## RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENTS

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD a letter I sent to Vice President CHENEY on the appointment of Richard W. Bratton, of Wyoming, to the Citizen's Coinage Advisory Commission.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

U.S. SENATE,  
Washington, DC, May 6, 2003.

Hon. DICK CHENEY,  
President of the Senate,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: Pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 108-015 I have respectfully recommended to Secretary John Snow of the United States Department of the Treasury the following individual to be appointed to the Citizen's Coinage Advisory Commission:

Mr. Richard W. Bratton of Wyoming.  
Sincerely,

BILL FRIST,  
Majority Leader.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following letter regarding an appointment to the Citizen's Coinage Advisory Commission be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

U.S. SENATE,  
Washington, DC, May 7, 2003.

Hon. DICK CHENEY,  
President of the Senate,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: Pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 108-15 I have today respectfully recommended to Secretary John Snow of the United States Department of the Treasury the following individual to be appointed to the Citizen's Coinage Advisory Commission:

Leon Billings of Maryland.  
Sincerely,

TOM DASCHLE,  
Democratic Leader.

## SUBMITTING CHANGES TO COMMITTEE ALLOCATIONS, FUNCTIONAL LEVELS, AND BUDGETARY AGGREGATES

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, section 421 of H. Con. Res. 95, the 2004 Budget Resolution, requires the Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee to make appropriate adjustments in the appropriate allocations and aggregates to reflect the difference between Public Law 108-11—the Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2003—and the corresponding levels assumed in the resolution.

As enacted, the Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2003 contains changes in new budget authority, outlays and revenues that differ from those assumed in the budget resolution. For fiscal year 2003, the supplemental provides \$4.432 billion in budget authority, \$3.745 billion in outlays, and \$2 million in revenues above the amounts assumed in H. Con. Res. 95. The supplemental also provides \$215 million in additional new budget au-

thority and \$332 million in additional outlays for fiscal year 2004; over the period of fiscal years 2004 through 2013, it provides an additional \$888 million in budget authority and \$1.406 billion in outlays over the amounts assumed in the resolution.

I am therefore inserting a set of tables into the RECORD which show the revised allocations and aggregates, reflecting the adjustments I am making pursuant to section 421. These revised allocations and aggregates are the appropriate levels to be used for enforcement of the 2004 Budget Resolution. I ask unanimous consent to print the above-referenced tables in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004—H. CON. RES. 95; REVISION TO THE CONFERENCE AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 421

[In billions of dollars]

## Section 101

## (1)(A) Revenues (on-budget):

FY 2003	1303.113
FY 2004	
FY 2005	
FY 2006	
FY 2007	
FY 2008	
FY 2009	
FY 2010	
FY 2011	
FY 2012	
FY 2013	

## (1)(B) Changes in Federal Revenues:

FY 2003	- 56.721
FY 2004	
FY 2005	
FY 2006	
FY 2007	
FY 2008	
FY 2009	
FY 2010	
FY 2011	
FY 2012	
FY 2013	

## (2) Budget Authority (on-budget):

FY 2003	1867.072
FY 2004	1861.333
FY 2005	1990.603
FY 2006	2122.725
FY 2007	2233.213
FY 2008	2349.256
FY 2009	2454.814
FY 2010	2555.986
FY 2011	2669.845
FY 2012	2754.409
FY 2013	2875.544

## (3) Budget Outlays (on-budget):

FY 2003	1819.167
FY 2004	1884.280
FY 2005	1981.995
FY 2006	2089.892
FY 2007	2190.978
FY 2008	2307.637
FY 2009	2420.227
FY 2010	2528.260
FY 2011	2651.603
FY 2012	2724.337
FY 2013	2855.914

## (4) Deficits or Surpluses (on-budget):

FY 2003	- 516.054
FY 2004	- 558.828
FY 2005	- 448.120
FY 2006	- 432.381
FY 2007	- 400.727
FY 2008	- 405.793
FY 2009	- 366.465
FY 2010	- 360.323

FY 2011	- 381.063
FY 2012	- 314.765
FY 2013	- 301.929

## (5) Public Debt

FY 2003	6750
FY 2004	7388
FY 2005	7982
FY 2006	8540
FY 2007	9069
FY 2008	9608
FY 2009	10109
FY 2010	10608
FY 2011	11132
FY 2012	11596
FY 2013	12048

## (6) Debt Held by the Public

FY 2003	3921
FY 2004	4303
FY 2005	4604
FY 2006	4835
FY 2007	5013
FY 2008	5175
FY 2009	5278
FY 2010	5356
FY 2011	5435
FY 2012	5432
FY 2013	5402

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004—H. CON. RES. 95; REVISIONS TO THE CONFERENCE AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 421

[In billions of dollars]

## Section 103 (on-budget, in billions)

## (1) National Defense (050):

FY 2003	
BA	455.302
OT	420.504
FY 2004:	
BA	400.546
OT	421.994
FY 2005:	
BA	420.071
OT	419.916
FY 2006:	
BA	440.185
OT	427.159
FY 2007:	
BA	460.435
OT	438.934
FY 2008:	
BA	480.886
OT	462.955
FY 2009:	
BA	491.951
OT	479.285
FY 2010:	
BA	502.301
OT	493.226
FY 2011:	
BA	511.859
OT	508.131
FY 2012:	
BA	520.553
OT	510.509
FY 2013:	
BA	529.428
OT	524.494

## (2) International Affairs (150):

FY 2003:	
BA	30.616
OT	22.781
FY 2004:	
BA	25.681
OT	27.415
FY 2005:	
BA	29.734
OT	25.663
FY 2006:	
BA	32.308
OT	26.851
FY 2007:	
BA	33.603
OT	28.597
FY 2008:	
BA	34.611
OT	29.664

FY 2009:		FY 2003:		FY 2009:	
BA .....	35.413	BA .....	24.597	BA .....	14.980
OT .....	30.755	OT .....	23.441	OT .....	14.298
FY 2010:		FY 2004:		FY 2010:	
BA .....	36.258	BA .....	24.583	BA .....	15.233
OT .....	31.689	OT .....	23.718	OT .....	14.501
FY 2011:		FY 2005:		FY 2011:	
BA .....	37.136	BA .....	27.003	BA .....	15.492
OT .....	32.565	OT .....	25.780	OT .....	14.750
FY 2012:		FY 2006:		FY 2012:	
BA .....	38.005	BA .....	26.828	BA .....	15.755
OT .....	33.408	OT .....	25.616	OT .....	14.992
FY 2013:		FY 2007:		FY 2013:	
BA .....	38.885	BA .....	26.299	BA .....	16.023
OT .....	34.298	OT .....	25.107	OT .....	15.259
(3) General Science, Space and Technology		FY 2008:		(10) Education, Training, Employment, and	
(250):		BA .....	25.507	Social Services (500)	
FY 2003:		OT .....	24.381	FY 2003:	
BA .....	23.164	FY 2009:		BA .....	82.830
OT .....	21.560	BA .....	26.092	OT .....	81.581
FY 2004:		OT .....	25.128	FY 2004:	
BA .....	23.927	FY 2010:		BA .....	90.170
OT .....	22.805	BA .....	25.545	OT .....	84.344
FY 2005:		OT .....	24.716	FY 2005:	
BA .....	24.433	FY 2011:		BA .....	91.457
OT .....	23.862	BA .....	24.991	OT .....	87.036
FY 2006:		OT .....	24.180	FY 2006:	
BA .....	25.217	FY 2012:		BA .....	93.428
OT .....	24.485	BA .....	24.573	OT .....	90.541
FY 2007:		OT .....	23.778	FY 2007:	
BA .....	26.055	FY 2013:		BA .....	95.569
OT .....	25.221	BA .....	24.297	OT .....	92.986
FY 2008:		OT .....	23.498	FY 2008:	
BA .....	26.832	(8) Transportation (400)		BA .....	97.925
OT .....	25.948	FY 2003:		OT .....	95.118
FY 2009:		BA .....	67.975	FY 2009:	
BA .....	27.462	OT .....	70.884	BA .....	99.813
OT .....	26.639	FY 2004:		OT .....	97.440
FY 2010:		BA .....	69.586	FY 2010:	
BA .....	28.121	OT .....	70.715	BA .....	101.551
OT .....	27.296	FY 2005:		OT .....	99.289
FY 2011:		BA .....	70.649	FY 2011:	
BA .....	28.805	OT .....	69.666	BA .....	103.529
OT .....	27.963	FY 2006:		OT .....	101.117
FY 2012:		BA .....	72.676	FY 2012:	
BA .....	29.492	OT .....	70.388	BA .....	105.790
OT .....	28.639	FY 2007:		OT .....	102.985
FY 2013:		BA .....	75.390	FY 2013:	
BA .....	30.185	OT .....	71.898	BA .....	107.265
OT .....	29.319	FY 2008:		OT .....	104.934
(5) Natural Resources and Environment		BA .....	77.011	(11) Health (550)	
(300)		OT .....	73.743	FY 2003:	
FY 2003:		FY 2009:		BA .....	223.071
BA .....	30.954	BA .....	78.928	OT .....	217.922
OT .....	29.000	OT .....	75.682	FY 2004:	
FY 2004:		FY 2010:		BA .....	240.554
BA .....	31.623	BA .....	77.775	OT .....	238.871
OT .....	30.856	OT .....	77.261	FY 2005:	
FY 2005:		FY 2011:		BA .....	259.701
BA .....	32.504	BA .....	78.642	OT .....	259.428
OT .....	31.658	OT .....	78.309	FY 2006:	
FY 2006:		FY 2012:		BA .....	279.236
BA .....	32.962	BA .....	79.543	OT .....	279.028
OT .....	32.830	OT .....	79.333	FY 2007:	
FY 2007:		FY 2013:		BA .....	299.614
BA .....	33.386	BA .....	80.476	OT .....	298.683
OT .....	33.127	OT .....	80.356	FY 2008:	
FY 2008:		(9) Community and Regional Development		BA .....	322.061
BA .....	34.064	(450)		OT .....	320.731
OT .....	33.527	FY 2003:		FY 2009:	
FY 2009:		BA .....	12.351	BA .....	345.548
BA .....	35.183	OT .....	16.014	OT .....	344.059
OT .....	34.544	FY 2004:		FY 2010:	
FY 2010:		BA .....	14.063	BA .....	370.626
BA .....	36.021	OT .....	15.883	OT .....	369.097
OT .....	35.360	FY 2005:		FY 2011:	
FY 2011:		BA .....	14.138	BA .....	396.818
BA .....	36.829	OT .....	15.891	OT .....	395.280
OT .....	36.163	FY 2006:		FY 2012:	
FY 2012:		BA .....	14.321	BA .....	415.790
BA .....	37.529	OT .....	14.962	OT .....	414.384
OT .....	36.836	FY 2007:		FY 2013:	
FY 2013:		BA .....	14.536	BA .....	445.484
BA .....	38.214	OT .....	14.664	OT .....	444.082
OT .....	37.600	FY 2008:		(13) Income Security (600)	
(6) Agriculture (350)		BA .....	14.745	FY 2003:	
		OT .....	14.123	BA .....	326.395
				OT .....	334.182
				FY 2004:	
				BA .....	319.518

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OT .....	324.840	FY 2005:	OT .....	310.822
FY 2005:		BA .....	FY 2006:	
BA .....	333.821	OT .....	BA .....	352.463
OT .....	337.123	FY 2006:	OT .....	352.463
FY 2006:		BA .....	FY 2007:	
BA .....	341.816	OT .....	BA .....	380.846
OT .....	344.292	FY 2007:	OT .....	380.846
FY 2007:		BA .....	FY 2008:	
BA .....	349.199	OT .....	BA .....	405.947
OT .....	350.945	FY 2008:	OT .....	405.947
FY 2008:		BA .....	FY 2009:	
BA .....	361.697	OT .....	BA .....	429.867
OT .....	362.808	FY 2009:	OT .....	429.867
FY 2009:		BA .....	FY 2010:	
BA .....	373.372	OT .....	BA .....	450.997
OT .....	374.083	FY 2010:	OT .....	450.997
FY 2010:		BA .....	FY 2011:	
BA .....	384.844	OT .....	BA .....	473.746
OT .....	385.347	FY 2011:	OT .....	473.746
FY 2011:		BA .....	FY 2012:	
BA .....	400.266	OT .....	BA .....	496.401
OT .....	400.688	FY 2012:	OT .....	496.401
FY 2012:		BA .....	FY 2013:	
OT .....	403.738	OT .....	BA .....	514.926
OT .....	404.146	FY 2013:	OT .....	514.926
FY 2013:		BA .....		
BA .....	418.672	OT .....		
OT .....	419.245	(17) General Government (800)	(19) Allowances (920)	
(15) Veterans Benefits and Services (700)		FY 2003:	FY 2003:	
FY 2003:		BA .....	BA .....	0.000
BA .....	57.697	OT .....	OT .....	0.000
OT .....	57.524	FY 2004:	FY 2004:	
FY 2004:		BA .....	BA .....	-7.621
BA .....	63.779	OT .....	OT .....	-4.671
OT .....	63.265	FY 2005:	FY 2005:	
FY 2005:		BA .....	BA .....	-6.541
BA .....	67.135	OT .....	OT .....	-5.652
OT .....	66.558	FY 2006:	FY 2006:	
FY 2006:		BA .....	BA .....	-7.331
BA .....	65.397	OT .....	OT .....	-7.407
OT .....	64.995	FY 2007:	FY 2007:	
FY 2007:		BA .....	BA .....	-8.947
BA .....	63.874	OT .....	OT .....	-9.203
OT .....	63.442	FY 2008:	FY 2008:	
FY 2008:		BA .....	BA .....	-9.959
BA .....	67.666	OT .....	OT .....	-10.111
OT .....	67.398	FY 2009:	FY 2009:	
FY 2009:		BA .....	BA .....	-11.526
BA .....	69.279	OT .....	OT .....	-10.030
OT .....	68.924	FY 2010:	FY 2010:	
FY 2010:		BA .....	BA .....	-12.888
BA .....	70.992	OT .....	OT .....	-10.923
OT .....	70.588	FY 2011:	FY 2011:	
FY 2011:		BA .....	BA .....	-16.414
BA .....	75.669	OT .....	OT .....	-12.671
OT .....	75.249	FY 2012:	FY 2012:	
FY 2012:		BA .....	BA .....	-21.460
BA .....	72.618	OT .....	OT .....	-15.707
OT .....	72.097	FY 2013:	FY 2013:	
FY 2013:		BA .....	BA .....	-25.618
BA .....	77.455	OT .....	OT .....	-19.181
OT .....	76.989	(18) Net Interest (900)		
(16) Administration of Justice (750)		FY 2003:	Concurrent Resolution on The Budget for Fiscal	
FY 2003:		BA .....	Year 2004—H. Con. Res. 95; Revisions to the	
BA .....	41.976	OT .....	Conference Agreement; Pursuant to Section	
OT .....	38.533	FY 2004:	421	
FY 2004:		BA .....	[In billions of dollars]	
BA .....	37.626	OT .....		
OT .....	42.480	FY 2005:		
		BA .....	Paygo Scorecard .....	2003
				64.787

## SENATE COMMITTEE BUDGET AUTHORITY AND OUTLAY ALLOCATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT

[Budget year total 2003; in millions of dollars]

Committee	Direct spending jurisdiction		Entitlement funded in annual appropriations acts	
	Budget authority	Outlays	Budget authority	Outlays
Appropriations:				
General purpose discretionary .....	843,550	808,891	0	0
Memo:				
on-budget .....	839,738	805,053		
off-budget .....	3,812	3,838		
Highways .....	0	31,264	0	0
Mass Transit .....	1,436	6,551	0	0
Mandatory .....	391,344	378,717	0	0
Total .....	1,236,330	1,225,423	0	0
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry .....	19,359	14,964	52,763	40,712
Armed Services .....	73,996	73,473	275	233
Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs .....	12,558	1,599	118	16
Commerce, Science, and Transportation .....	10,590	7,255	885	814

## SENATE COMMITTEE BUDGET AUTHORITY AND OUTLAY ALLOCATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT—Continued

[Budget year total 2003; in millions of dollars]

Committee	Direct spending jurisdiction		Entitlement funded in annual appropriations acts	
	Budget authority	Outlays	Budget authority	Outlays
Energy and Natural Resources .....	2,879	2,539	48	63
Environment and Public Works .....	30,830	2,372	0	0
Finance .....	759,790	763,497	286,512	286,509
Foreign Relations .....	13,595	11,366	183	183
Governmental Affairs .....	66,931	65,426	16,564	16,564
Judiciary .....	6,509	6,441	534	527
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions .....	5,328	4,805	2,814	2,801
Rules and Administration .....	82	85	104	103
Intelligence .....	0	0	223	223
Veterans' Affairs .....	1,171	1,109	30,321	29,969
Indian Affairs .....	456	444	0	0
Small Business .....	864	769	0	0
Unassigned to Committee .....	(371,644)	(358,647)	0	0
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>1,869,624</b>	<b>1,822,920</b>	<b>391,344</b>	<b>378,717</b>

Revisions Pursuant to Section 421 of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2004—H. Con. Res. 95.

## SENATE COMMITTEE BUDGET AUTHORITY AND OUTLAY ALLOCATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT

[Budget year total 2004; in millions of dollars]

Committee	Direct spending jurisdiction		Entitlements funded in annual appropriations acts	
	Budget authority	Outlays	Budget authority	Outlays
Appropriations:				
General purpose discretionary .....	783,214	822,895	0	0
Memo:				
on-budget .....	778,957	818,688		
off-budget .....	4,257	4,207		
Highways .....	0	31,555	0	0
Mass Transit .....	1,461	6,634	0	0
Mandatory .....	426,949	410,619	0	0
Total .....	1,211,624	1,271,703	0	0
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry .....	20,801	16,826	55,536	39,472
Armed Services .....	77,560	77,326	375	376
Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs .....	13,946	2,251	120	12
Commerce, Science, and Transportation .....	10,908	6,518	827	843
Energy and Natural Resources .....	2,669	2,390	64	70
Environment and Public Works .....	35,654	2,312	0	0
Finance .....	757,720	761,042	315,856	315,780
Foreign Relations .....	9,787	11,689	179	179
Governmental Affairs .....	68,533	67,000	17,362	17,362
Judiciary .....	7,883	7,230	511	523
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions .....	5,232	4,439	2,888	2,872
Rules and Administration .....	82	246	109	109
Intelligence .....	0	0	226	226
Veterans' Affairs .....	1,311	1,260	32,914	32,795
Indian Affairs .....	475	472	0	0
Small Business .....	3	(23)	0	0
Unassigned to Committee .....	(371,280)	(355,315)	0	0
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>1,852,908</b>	<b>1,877,366</b>	<b>426,949</b>	<b>410,619</b>

Revisions Pursuant to Section 421 of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2004—H. Con. Res. 95.

## SENATE COMMITTEE BUDGET AUTHORITY AND OUTLAY ALLOCATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT

[5-year total: 2004–2008; in millions of dollars]

Committee	Direct spending jurisdiction		Entitlements funded in annual appropriations acts	
	Budget authority	Outlays	Budget authority	Outlays
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry .....	109,330	91,951	288,857	206,256
Armed Services .....	417,330	416,461	2,992	3,047
Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs .....	71,267	7,231	626	(104)
Commerce, Science, and Transportation .....	60,492	38,575	4,538	4,541
Energy and Natural Resources .....	11,991	10,905	320	333
Environment and Public Works .....	190,317	10,561	0	0
Finance .....	4,502,612	4,511,696	1,824,189	1,823,275
Foreign Relations .....	59,034	55,412	876	876
Governmental Affairs .....	372,971	365,695	93,701	93,701
Judiciary .....	25,585	25,756	2,629	2,640
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions .....	32,738	29,056	15,226	15,126
Rules and Administration .....	408	574	588	588
Intelligence .....	0	0	1,230	1,230
Veteran's Affairs .....	6,561	6,382	176,815	176,196
Indian Affairs .....	2,587	2,569	0	0
Small Business .....	6	(59)	0	0

Revisions Pursuant to Section 421 of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2004—H. Con. Res. 95.

## SENATE COMMITTEE BUDGET AUTHORITY AND OUTLAY ALLOCATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT

[10-year total: 2004–2013; in millions of dollars]

Committee	Direct spending jurisdiction		Entitlements funded in annual appropriations acts	
	Budget authority	Outlays	Budget authority	Outlays
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry .....	209,130	178,892	600,618	446,118
Armed Services .....	910,879	909,159	7,129	7,273
Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs .....	141,433	1,859	1,318	(176)
Commerce, Science, and Transportation .....	113,446	69,687	10,252	10,232
Energy and Natural Resources .....	22,263	20,458	640	653
Environment and Public Works .....	393,698	19,403	0	0
Finance .....	10,596,016	10,611,144	4,487,111	4,485,223
Foreign Relations .....	127,160	116,399	1,733	1,733
Governmental Affairs .....	833,756	819,817	206,453	206,453
Judiciary .....	42,068	41,692	5,459	5,455

## SENATE COMMITTEE BUDGET AUTHORITY AND OUTLAY ALLOCATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET ACT—Continued

[10-year total: 2004–2013; in millions of dollars]

Committee	Direct spending jurisdiction		Entitlements funded in annual appropriations acts	
	Budget authority	Outlays	Budget authority	Outlays
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions .....	71,126	64,104	32,601	32,468
Rules and Administration .....	803	1,025	1,309	1,309
Intelligence .....	0	0	2,648	2,648
Veteran's Affairs .....	12,781	12,501	373,770	372,651
Indian Affairs .....	5,805	5,765	0	0
Small Business .....	6	(76)	0	0

Revisions Pursuant to Section 421 of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2004—H. Con. Res. 95.

# **TRIBUTE TO WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY'S WILLIAM E. BIVIN FORENSIC SOCIETY**

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I rise today to express congratulations to all the team members and coaches of Western Kentucky University's William E. Bivin Forensic Society. The group recently was named world champions at the International Forensic Association Championship in Vancouver, BC.

It is my understanding that this is just one of the many titles the team has claimed over the last year. The team won the 2003 Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha National Championship. They defeated 87 other universities to win the 2003 American Forensic Association National Championship. And most recently they captured the National Forensic Association Individual Events Championship. This is an impressive list of victories and a tribute to their hard work and dedication.

I wish to acknowledge each of the winning students: Corey Alderdice, Drew Allen, Elizabeth Au, Margaret Au, Stacy Bernaugh, Chris Blackford, Keith Blaser, Chris Brasfield, Grace Bruenderman, David Burns, Jenny Corum, Ashley Courtney, Justin Cress, Tony Damico, Nicole Estenfelder, Raegan Gibson, Nicole Hawk, Adam Henze, Kate Hertweck, Ryan Howell, Lindsey Nave, Jacob Perego, Jennifer Purcell, Hanna Reliford, Alex Rogers, Nick Romerhausen, Evelio Silvera, Rebecca Simms, Courtney Smith, Joel Smith, Jen Taylor, Katie Tyree, Jordon Wadlington, Caleb Williams, Jeff Woods, and Courtney Wright.

I would also like to recognize and thank their outstanding coaches, Judy Woodring, Jace Lux, Bonnie McDonald, Greg Robertson, Matt Gerbig, Doug Mory, Chris Grove, and Joe Day, who provided leadership to this winning team.

Mr. President, Western Kentucky University's William E. Bivin Forensic Society has both national and international successes to be proud of. On behalf of myself and my colleagues in the Senate, I congratulate them on their significant achievements.

## **THE CRACKDOWN AGAINST PRO-DEMOCRACY DISSIDENTS IN CUBA**

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I come to the floor today to denounce, in the strongest terms, the recent deplorable actions by the regime of President Fidel Castro.

While the world focuses on the aftermath of the war in Iraq and the enormity of Saddam Hussein's atrocities are revealed, we must not ignore egregious violations of human rights taking place much closer to home.

I have long believed that the way to encourage democratic reform and respect for human rights in Cuba is not through isolation of this tiny island nation, but through the normalization of our relationship. I totally oppose the restrictions on the right of Americans to travel to Cuba.

But the recent crackdown against pro-democracy dissidents in Cuba is not only a reprehensible affront to human decency, it has threatened already strained relations between Cuba and the United States and between Cuba and the rest of the world.

My visit to Cuba in March 1999 reinforced my belief in the folly of our antiquated policy. I met with President Castro and a number of political activists. I saw firsthand the need for ending not only the embargo—which simply compounds the misery of Cuba's people and provides President Castro with a convenient excuse, but the repression and pervasive climate of fear perpetrated by that government.

On March 18, the Cuban government suddenly launched an attack against its political opponents. After storming their houses, seizing their computers, typewriters, fax machines and books, the government arrested 79 people, accusing them of subverting Cuba's government by conspiring with James Cason, the head of the U.S. Interests Section in Havana. They were charged with the vague crime of "collaborating with a foreign power against their homeland."

Less than 3 weeks later, the Cuban courts had tried, convicted and sentenced at least 75 of these people in a whirlwind process of closed-door trials lasting less than one day in improvised courts where undercover security agents who had infiltrated dissident groups surfaced as witnesses.

The punishments for conduct, that in most countries would not even be criminal, ranged from 6 to 28 years in prison.

Those arrested in this crackdown include leaders of independent labor unions and opposition political parties, independent journalists, librarians, and pro-democracy activists. More than half of the arrests were local organizers of the Varela Project reform effort.

The Varela Project collected more signatures than the constitutionally

required 10,000 for a national referendum calling for electoral reforms, freedom of association, and amnesty for nonviolent political prisoners.

The Cuban government responded with a counter petition, decreeing the Cuban socialist system to be untouchable. While local organizers received some of the heavier sentences, Osvaldo Paya, head of the Varela Project, was not arrested. Mr. Paya said that the crackdown is "an attempt to kill the chances of peaceful change in Cuba, but [dissidents] will continue seeking peaceful reforms."

At a meeting this month of the U.N. Commission on Human Rights in Geneva, the Swedish foreign minister warned that the crackdown in Cuba could harm its prospects for cooperation with the European Union.

On March 10, the European Commission opened its first diplomatic office in Havana. Cuba is applying for membership in the Cotonou Agreement—the economic assistance pact between the EU and African, Caribbean, and Pacific nations. Cubans would benefit significantly from the Cotonou Agreement, but Cuba's entry is now in jeopardy.

The U.N. Commission on Human Rights also adopted a resolution to send a U.N. envoy to Cuba to investigate human rights abuses, but Cuban officials have apparently rejected this.

The Bush administration is reportedly considering punitive measures to restrict the flow of American dollars to Cuba by further limiting the number of Americans who may travel to Cuba on charter flights, and by reducing the monetary remittances that Cubans in the United States send back to their families in Cuba. Unfortunately, such measures would only hurt the wrong people.

If this were not bad enough, earlier this month, Cuban authorities detained three men who had hijacked a ferry crossing the Florida Straits on its way to the United States. Less than 24 hours later, these men were summarily executed by a firing squad. No one supports the act of hijacking, and people of good conscience disagree about the death penalty. But such an outrageous denial of due process should be universally condemned.

As one who strongly opposes the policy of the Bush administration and previous U.S. administrations of isolating Cuba, a policy which for more than 40 years has failed to achieve any of its goals. I want to add my voice to those who have denounced these recent events.